

In the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) In the production of refractory articles, the improvement comprises using a powdered polycondensation product produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium and containing at least one phenolic compound.

Claim 2 (previously presented) In the production of Claim 1, the bisphenol residue is from bisphenol A production.

Claim 3 (previously presented) In the production of Claim 1, the aldehyde is formaldehyde.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Cancel **Claim 5**.

Claim 6 (currently amended) In the production of refractory molded bodies, the improvement comprises using a powdered polycondensation product produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium and containing at least one phenolic compound.

Claim 7 (currently amended) In the production of molded non-woven fabric elements, the improvement comprises using a powdered polycondensation product produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium and containing at least one phenolic compound.

Claim 8 (currently amended) In the production of unmolded articles used in the refractory industry, the improvement comprising using a powdered polycondensation product produced by reacting a bisphenol residue from the production of bisphenols with an aldehyde in an acidic medium and containing at least one phenolic compound.

Claim 9 (currently amended) In the production of Claim 5- 1 , the phenolic compound is phenol.

Claim 10 (previously presented) In the production of Claim 1, the polycondensation product is dissolved in a solvent.

Claim 11 (currently amended) In the production of Claim 10, the solvent ~~es~~ is high boiling.

Claim 12 (previously presented) In the production of Claim 10, the solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, polyglycols and phthalates.